

KNOWN MORE THAN A YEAR

United States Secret Service
Has Broken Up More
Than One

OF GERMAN PLOTS AGAINST AMERICA

Huerta Conspiracy Is a Typ-
ical Example of This
Plotting

New York, March 2.—United States secret service agents learned more than a year ago of German operations in this country and have broken up more than one conspiracy to throw the United States and Mexico into conflict.

Franz Rintelen, a friend of the German crown prince, carried on an extensive plot in this country, which wound up with the arrest of Victoriano Huerta, former dictator in Mexico, as he started for Mexico to foment a rebellion. He was to be supplied with German arms, according to charges at the time, and a credit supposed to have been sent \$10,000,000.

Capt. von Papien, former German military attaché in the United States, was revealed as a result of these plots.

Rintelen lived in New York as Hansen. He held various conferences with Von Papien and Huerta.

Huerta's arrest and subsequent investigations by secret service agents led to the flight from this country of Rintelen, on a fraudulent Swedish passport. He was apprehended in Great Britain and now is held a prisoner of war. Huerta died in prison without ever crossing the boundary. So far as known, he never confessed the plot.

VON ECKHARDT KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT PLOT

Pleads Ignorance of Instructions Said
to Have Been Sent Him by
Zimmermann.

Mexico City, March 2.—H. Von Eckhardt, German minister to Mexico, declared yesterday that he knew nothing about the instructions alleged to have been sent to him by Foreign Secretary Zimmermann regarding a German-Mexican alliance in the event of war between Germany and the United States.

AMERICANS HIGHER PAID

Than English Sailors, According to Dr.
George S. Webster.

New York, March 2.—Higher wages paid sailors on American as compared to English merchant ships will handicap this country at the close of the war in its competition with England for commercial supremacy of the seas, according to Dr. George Sidney Webster of the American Seamen's Friend society. Dr. Webster's opinions are based on observation in a number of American ports and especially in the port of New York, where a large sailors' home is maintained on the North river waterfront.

"The increased merchant ships production in this country," says Dr. Webster, "will not of itself give the United States a commercial supremacy of the seas, although in 1916 the output for probably the first time in history approximated that of Great Britain."

"This increased production will not entirely fly under the American flag, but even a large percentage of the ships which should be under American ownership will be under foreign registry at the end of the war, when the protection afforded by the American flag is no longer necessary and the lower wages paid on foreign ships will offer a great inducement for foreign registry."

THE CHINESE DEFICIT.

The Estimates Vary from \$40,000,000 to \$70,000,000.

Peking, March 2.—Estimates of the deficit in the Chinese national treasury for the year 1916 vary from \$40,000,000 to \$70,000,000 gold. Official figures are lacking, as it is practically impossible to get even approximate statements from the various branches of the government.

An unofficial report shows that the land tax for 1916 produced over \$39,000,000 gold, while income, or interior duties, yielded over \$31,000,000 gold.

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RECALL OF RITTER NOW EXPECTED

Swiss Minister Declared to Have Been
Too Active in Propaganda
Work.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—An accumulation of annoying activities of Dr. Paul Ritter, Swiss minister to the United States, and Germany's indirect representative here, has tended to put him in the same near-persona non grata class in which German Ambassador von Bernstorff several times found himself following his propaganda schemes of the last two years.

While government heads refused to comment officially on the matter, some privately admit that the administration is coming to believe that Dr. Ritter not only inherited von Bernstorff's diplomatic work here, but that he has taken up certain German propaganda work that may force a flat showdown between himself and the state department.

The first evidence of this sort of work was Dr. Ritter's dissemination of reports that Germany was anxious for a German-American conference, at which all points at issue between the two nations could be discussed. This propaganda work was started exactly one week after severance of German-American relations.

What chiefly incensed Secretary Lansing and President Wilson was the fact that Dr. Ritter made his "peace conference" suggestions to newspapermen several hours before the state department had any idea of them. It was learned yesterday that his hurried visit to the state department within a few hours after he "permitted" the "peace conference" news to go out through the press was in response to an "urgent request" that he call on Secretary Lansing.

It is understood that his plan—Germany later announced it emanated from Ritter himself and not from the German foreign office—met with such a brusque rebuff that it fell absolutely flat.

CHINESE AWAKENING

Against Bogus Insurance Companies—
A Campaign Started

Shanghai, China, March 2.—Foreign newspapers printed in Shanghai are conducting an energetic campaign against bogus insurance companies by the Chinese government which will protect the public against fraudulent institutions. While there are many reliable Chinese insurance companies, there are also scores of wild cat companies writing fire, life and marine insurance.

Shanghai newspapers are endeavoring to get legislation through the municipal council in this city which will prevent companies of any nationality from writing insurance in the international settlement unless the diplomatic body in Peking approves of their methods. This reform as advocated is the first step towards national legislation in China, which will protect foreigners and Chinese alike from irresponsible insurance companies operating in any part of the republic. It is urged that the municipal council should take action here and afford an example to the parliament, which has been slow in effecting legislation.

CIGARETTE FAMINE FEARED

Shortage of Paper in Greece Causes
Alarm

Athens, March 2.—The paper scarcity in Greece has extended to cigarette paper. The foodstuffs commission has extended its powers to the control of cigarette paper, seized the entire stock in private hands in Athens, and redistributed it pro-rata to all the manufacturers in the capital. This action was taken, the government explains, not in discrimination against any manufacturer of cigarettes who might have had a reserve stock on hand, but that the men and women employed in the factories where the stock had become exhausted might not be thrown out of work.

ONE SHIP IN 100 SUNK.

Report Shows 2,280 Vessels Arrived and
2,261 Departed in Week Ending Feb. 25.

London, March 2.—Following is the British official weekly statement of arrivals and sailings, war losses and unsuccessful attacks on shipping for the week ending Sunday, Feb. 25:

"Arrivals and sailings, merchant vessels of all nationalities (over 100 tons net) and from United Kingdom ports (exclusive of fishing and local craft). Arrivals, 2,280; sailings, 2,261.

"British merchant vessels sunk by mine or submarine, 1,690 tons gross or over, 15; under 1,600 tons gross, 6. "British merchant vessels unsuccessfully attacked by submarine, 12; British fishing vessels sunk, 4."

HARVESTER FILES APPEAL

Replies to Recent Brief of
the Government in
Case

WOULD BE JUDGED BY RULE OF REASON

This Instead of by the Rule
of Size of Organ-
ization

Washington, March 2.—In a brief filed in the supreme court of the United States supreme court yesterday, replying to the government's recent brief, the International Harvester company asks that it be judged "according to the rule of reason rather than the rule of size," and according to the actual language of the Sherman law. Arguing for the application of the "rule of reason," the brief asks:

"Is it logical, or just, to urge the court to dismember a corporation that possesses no unfair advantage—whose record has been helpful and not injurious to the public, whose treatment of competitors by the finding of the lower court has been 'honorable, clear and fair'—for fear that some other combination that has actually restrained trade or is attempting to do so may escape punishment?"

The brief contends that the case against the Harvester company rests entirely upon its alleged violation, not of what Congress put into the law but of what the government counsel now asserts Congress had in mind when it enacted the law. This course, it is declared, upsets the rule that the purpose and prohibitions of a statute must be ascertained from its language. The Harvester brief further points out that the Standard Oil and tobacco companies were condemned, not because of their size, but on account of their wrongful purposes, and oppressive acts and the resultant injury to the public. The new and different claim now made by the government is that the mere uniting in the Harvester company of former competing companies is a violation of the Sherman law, and this is declared to be condemnation "by the rule of size," instead of "by the rule of reason."

REPUBLICANS ONLY HELPING.

No Filibuster and Merely an Attempt to
Clear the Public Mind.

Washington, March 2.—Republican senators-elect who are arriving in Washington under the impression that members of their party are conducting a filibuster are amazed to learn the truth. They find not only no filibuster in progress, except the threats of the irresponsible LaFollette, but true Republicans aiding in the passage of measures by brief but intelligent explanation of them and the main reliance of the president in the passage of the neutrality bill. While the Democrats have wasted four days in an attempt to deprive the farmer of the protection he gets in the oleomargarine law, Congress is asked to close its eyes and appropriate \$200,000,000 a day without discussion of the great army and navy and the sundry civil bills. Of 15 supply bills, two have been approved by the president, two have been agreed to and five are in conference. Still to pass both houses are the general deficiency bill, carrying about \$60,000,000, and the military academy bill carrying \$1,300,000. Yet to pass the Senate are the navy bill, now under debate, \$16,000,000; army bill, \$247,000,000; sundry civil bill, \$138,000,000; river and harbor bill, \$40,000,000. The army bill bristles with amendments of vital importance, which have not even been debated in either branch. Not an important bill can pass or has passed Congress in the last month that has been properly explained to the country. The action taken by Congress in its closing hours is completely unrepresentative of the people, in the sense that the people know nothing of the merits of the legislation. These considerations have forced Senate Republicans to conclude that an extra session is inevitable if the most ordinary intelligence is to be trained upon the measures before the Senate.

BURLESON BADLY BEATEN.

Mail Tubes Win Unless He Can Secure
Defeat of His Own Appropriation Bill.

Washington, March 2.—Unless he can secure the defeat of his own appropriation bill, Postmaster General Burleson is beaten, horse, foot and dragons in his attempt to railroad the pneumatic tubes out of existence. The conference committee Wednesday night accepted the Senate amendment requiring the renewal of the leases and the appointment of a commission to consider taking over the tubes by the government, and in this form the bill will pass. The victory is a great one for Senator John W. Weeks, who never has wavered in the course of the long and apparently hopeless fight he conducted against the postoffice department, whose efforts to defeat the amendment were supplemented by the personal lobbying of the postmaster general.

The conferees reduced from \$10 to \$8 a mile the postal subsidy provided for the proposed fast mail line from the United States to England. It is understood that if government aid of this character is granted, the Long Island Railroad company purposes to establish a line running out from Montauk Point, which will make the trip to Europe in four days. The two boats contemplated will be built to order and will have a speed of 30 knots an hour.

RAILROADS PLAN FOR WAR.

More Than a Dozen Officials Meet in
Washington.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—More than a dozen railroad heads met yesterday to approve plans for putting the country's rail lines at the disposal of the government in an emergency. The railroad men from four departments under the council of national defense.

HARD COAL COMPROMISE

Will End Rate Case Against
Five Rail-
roads

REDUCTION HALF ORDERED ORIGINALLY

A Loss of \$2,000,000 Is Esti-
mated in Revenue of
Railroads

Philadelphia, March 2.—A compromise in the freight rate case against the five great anthracite coal carrying railroads of the east has been reached after four years of litigation, and with the formal approval of the state public service commission next week, it is expected that the new coal freight rates to this city, representing a loss in revenue of nearly \$2,000,000 annually will go into effect.

The compromise is the result of three months of negotiations by Dr. Ward W. Pierson, professor of business law at the University of Pennsylvania, and his law partner, Harold S. Chert, representing the complainants, Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown and counsel for the railroads. Agreements tentatively decided upon will be confirmed at a conference of those named, with the public service commission, to be held in this city Saturday, at which time a date will be set for a public hearing. If no valid objection is raised to the terms made the commission will rescind its order made more than two years ago, which is now under appeal by the railroads, and issue a new order embodying the terms of the compromise.

4 AMERICANS FROM THE YARROWDALE LEAVE BERLIN

Two Veterinarians and Two Ship Sur-
geons Reported on Their Way
to Denmark.

Berlin, March 2. (by wireless to the Associated Press, via Sayville).—Two American ship surgeons and two veterinarians brought to Germany on the steamship Yarrowdale, left Berlin yesterday morning on the way to Denmark.

GODDARD ATHLETES TOUTED.

Sporting Writers Talk About Faulkner
and Witt.

Goddard seminary continues to back in the reflected glory of the embryo Cobbs, Speakers and Benders who have developed or expect to develop into full-fledged big leaguers. Just now it seems that much of the organized effort on the hill seems to be bent toward placing Goddard in the front rank of athletic schools in New England, as a particularly imposing collection of stars is being assembled in anticipation of the spring campaign. Most of Goddard's games, as scheduled thus far, are with schools outside Vermont and it has been customary in the past to fill in with semi-professional teams here at home. Burt Whitman, a sporting writer for the Boston Herald, and Hugh Fullerton, an authority on the national game, who writes for the Wheeling syndicate, are the latest deponents to turn the spotlight on Goddard.

Says Whitman in The Herald: "George Faulkner of Dorchester, only 19 years old, will leave to-night for Cincinnati and Shreveport, Miss., to take the big gamble under the careful eye of Christy Mathewson."

"Faulkner is distinctly a 'Boston kid.' He was an all-around star athlete at Dorchester high, featuring in track, baseball, football and hockey. Then he went to Goddard seminary and took the place on that school team of Lawton Witt, the Winchendon white-haired boy who is now considered a sensation as shortstop for the Athletics."

"George played at third for Goddard, the same position Witt occupied. The Boston boy's batting average was up over 400 with the prep school team and then he topped it off by hitting 422 for St. Johnsbury last summer."

"He worked out several times with the Braves last season. On one of those days Matty was here with his Reds and saw something in Faulkner's action which appealed. Hence the chance to go to Shreveport and take the fling. Matty has long been an idol to the Dorchester boy. He considered himself a mite too young to take a chance with a Boston team, preferring, presumably for bashful reasons, to make his dash away from the disconcerting eyes of all his best friends."

"He is a chunky lad, five feet six and one-half inches, and weighing 158 or 160. At Goddard he was a good sprinter and was credited with 10 2-5 seconds for the 100' in competition."

Even more searching is the analysis of Lawton Witt which Fullerton submits in his commentaries on the Philadelphia Athletics. He says:

"Shortstop is well filled. I am in considerable doubt as to whether or not this fellow Witt would or would not be a better ball player with some other club. He is fresh, full of pep and ginger, a fighter and a hustler. He is not the type of player Mack has developed, but he may adapt himself to that style. Mack may even bend a little and adapt his scheme of things to Witt, for this boy may prove a great star in the future."

Jess Willard asks \$75,000 for his next ten-round bout, exactly \$45,000 more than Jack Johnson ever set his terms.



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General Sporting Notes.

The Chicago Cubs have started for the coast, and it is stated that if a railroad strike should keep them there it would not make many of the Windy city people sore.

Capt. George "Tubber" White, 19, of Cambridge, Mass., was re-elected captain of the hockey seven at Exeter academy Tuesday afternoon. White played rover this season and tallied 16 out of the 22 goals made by the team.

Warren Adams, with the Brooklyn Nationals a while last season, was waived to Pittsburgh yesterday.

"Doc" Roller, the wrestler from the Pacific coast, was given a good beating Tuesday evening, when he was thrown in two straight falls by John Olin of Worcester, Mass., the first fall coming in three minutes and forty seconds.

Jack Ness of the Chicago White Sox said last evening that he would retire before taking a \$500 reduction from his contract of \$3000 last season. Ness played first base last summer for Chicago and did fairly well. Before going to Chicago, he made a record in the coast league by hitting safely in 49 consecutive games.

If Smokey Joe Wood responds to Cleveland treatment in the same manner as Tristram did, it looks as though the Indians would be well up in the race by the time another October rolls round. Hebron academy has been greatly weakened by the loss of Murphy, their star shot putter, who was expelled for an offense, which, it is alleged, he committed in a recent track meet. He was putting the shot at 44 feet.

The question before the boxing world to-day is whether or not Darcy, the Australian, can sink everything when he starts out in his ring engagements next week.

At Chicago last Saturday night, Carl Buick, former pole vaulter at Dartmouth college, cleared the bar at 12 feet.

One of the best prices received for a yearling colt in a long time was recently paid for "Richard Bennett," a colt which was put up for sale at the mid-winter horse auction at Madison Square Garden, and bid off by William Connor for \$3,200. He refused a \$1,000 profit on the animal within a few hours after his purchase.

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MINE CAUGHT OFF FLORIDA.

Contact Explosive Brought Ashore by
Fishermen at Long Key.

Miami, Fla., March 2.—What fishermen describe as a contact mine was brought ashore Wednesday at Long Key, 90 miles south of here, according to G. F. Dimick, an express messenger on the Florida East Coast railroad, on his arrival here from Long Key. There was no explanation of where such a mine might have come from.

SIGNS FLOOD CONTROL BILL.

President Wilson Attaches Name to the
Measure.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—An announcement was made yesterday that President Wilson late in the afternoon

signed the flood control bill, recently passed by Congress.

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